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METHOD OF SELECTING AND/OR
PROCESSING WOOD ACCORDING TO
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination of this
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ABSTRACT

Applicant submits herewith an abstract of the invention retyped on a separate page
in conformance with U.S. practice. The abstract is taken from that appearing on the cover of the
published international application.

SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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